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Citizens fume at collapse of shoulder drain wall a week after construction; blame rampant corruption, contractor-BBMP engineer nexus

SHOULDER TO CRY ON

Wall collapsed after heavy vehicle passed: Engineer

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Have you ever heard of a concrete wall collapsing within a week of its construction? If not and you are curious to know the quality of works taken up by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), please do visit 24th Main Road of HSR Layout.

The concrete wall of the shoulder drain that was constructed just a week ago collapsed completely. The BBMP and the contractor scrambled and hurriedly removed the debris.

Residents of HSR Layout alleged that lack of quality and rampant corruption are the main reasons for the collapse of the shoulder drain

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The stretch of the 24th Main Road where concrete wall of the shoulder drain has collapsed

"...quality and standard of protruding steel rods point at the substandard work of the contractor under the supervision of the BBMP engineer

— Venkatesh HS, resident, HSR Layout

Right to remain silent

Cubbon Park is now silent zone; sign boards to be put up by Smart City

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The Cubbon Park horticulture department along with traffic police has finally decided to notify one of Bengaluru's largest lung spaces as a silent zone. The department is in the process of designing and developing 'no-honking boards' that will be put up soon across all the roads inside Cubbon Park.

"We have zeroed in on the design of the 'no-honking' sign boards and have placed the order already. We are planning to put up around 12 sign boards across the park by the end of this week. This will officially mark the Cubbon Park area as a silent zone," said HT Balakrishna, deputy director, horticulture department (Cubbon Park).

The decision has been taken based on a notification dated June 15, 2020. The notification was issued by the police commissioner's office; it cited the Motor vehicle Act of 1988 and the Karnataka Traffic Control Act of 1960 to direct the Cubbon Park traffic police station to notify the park as a silent zone.

Interestingly, the step has been taken after months of citizen campaigns and appeals to declare the park a silent zone.

"We have been reaching out to the officials requesting them to declare the park as a silent zone considering public interest and the flora and fauna, including 106 different species of birds found in the park.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Italy on celluloid

Italian Screens, a film festival that presents the best of Italian cinema is coming to Bengaluru. The initiative is part of a wider project of deepening cultural relations between Italy and India. Presented in Italian with English subtitles, the festival includes a strong line up of movies which will begin with the biographical drama The King of Laughter (Qui rido io) by Mario Martone on the life of Neapolitan actor and comedy playwright Eduardo Scarpetta. It will conclude with the documentary Ennio by Giuseppe Tornatore, about the legendary film composer Ennio Morricone.
Where: PVR Phoenix Market City
When: Oct 12 – 14
Tickets: bookmyshow.com, pvrcinemas.com

02 Melodies and more

The second chapter of Yatra '22 organised by Shubham a School of Performing Arts is here! This show is named "Malhaar" and the event will witness the annual showcase of the students of Shubham in subjects like Kathak, Odissi and Bharatanatyam along with Hindustani and Carnatic vocals.
Where: Shankaraa Foundation, Kanakapura Road
When: Oct 15, 11:30 am

03 Film Club

What are you watching these days? Is there a film that you have been amazed by recently or a movie that changed your life? Share it with like-minded people at this special meet-up.
Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Oct 15, 4-5 pm
Register: 9886294444

In the face of adversity, these teachers walked

... to protest for their right to pension and health benefits

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At Freedom Park on Monday, 50,000 teachers from K'taka demanded for pension, health benefits

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Sujatha, a single parent with a 30-year-old differently abled child, worked at Mountain View PU College in Chikkamagaluru for the past 30 years. She retired in May this year, and since retirement, has had to reply on odd jobs for sustainability as she does not get a pension or health benefits.

Sujatha was one of 50,000 teachers who came together from different parts of Karnataka on Monday and walked from Tumakuru to Bengaluru to protest at Freedom Park. The issue: Aided school and college teachers are not given pensions as per the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) or New Pension Scheme (NPS) while government school and college teachers can avail of these benefits. At the protest, teachers from various state aided-schools and colleges came together to demand rights for 3000 teachers who retired.

"I have a son who needs constant support and attention. I don't have any other source of income and have even taken some home loans. Currently, I have started working part-time at the same PU college for a measly sum of Rs 7,000 - 8,000," narrated Sujatha.

According to them, even after 30 years of service in the education sector, teachers of aided schools and colleges are left to fend for themselves with no health or pension benefits. Having reached a strained financial situation, teachers are taking up odd jobs and part-time work to make ends meet.

Some teachers even end up selling vegetables on the roadside.

Working President of Karnataka State Aided School College Pension Employees Association (KSASCPEA) Shashidhar CM said, "Around 50,000 teachers walked from Siddaganga in Tumakuru to Dobbaspet in Nelamangala. We are asking for our rightful pension and health benefits from the government for ailing retired teachers."

He added that the protest demanding pension for teachers attached to aided schools and colleges has been an ongoing struggle for the past 12 years. "Teachers have spent years in delivering service to the state. But now, they have to resort to selling items on the roadside to make ends meet after retirement. Former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa had also made promises to resolve the matter within eight days of coming to power but no action was taken," said SL Jhadav, General Secretary of KSASCPEA.

Sixty-nine-year-old Kantharaju taught Kannada for 31 years at a Tumakuru school and retired one year and 2 months ago. "Even since retirement, it has become difficult to keep up with financial expenses. We need a pension for survival alone. Currently, a family member is earning Rs 8,000 from going to an English medium school and we are barely managing. Another family member is suffering from kidney problems and might need an operation. We have already spent Rs 50,000 with the help of friends and family," said a tearing-up Kantharaju.

Another senior citizen and retired English teacher from the same school in Tumakuru, Kancha Boriah said that he cycled 25km per day to reach school. "We are requesting the government to give at least OPS. Being aided teachers, banks refuse loans stating we are not government employees. There is no facility for us to avail of loans."

Educationist Shashi Kumar of KAMS also spoke on similar lines.

> **"Being aided teachers, banks refuse to give us loans stating we are not government employees**
>
> –Kancha Boriah, a retired teacher

"We demanded health benefits for all teachers but only assurances are made. Unfortunately, teachers are being discriminated against. Even in private institutions, they are given ESI, which is not as effective as pensions or health benefits."

However, the education department said that the onus of providing a pension lies on the management of the institution. Commissioner of Department of Public Instruction, Vishal R, said that any aided school where the recruitment of the teachers has happened after the concurrence of the government, has fixed pension equivalent to a government school.

"The OPS and NPS contribution need to be made by the management. These teachers can avail of OPS but the onus lies on the management. They can also avail of health reimbursements as per the rules. As per my knowledge, there is reform in progress in this regard."

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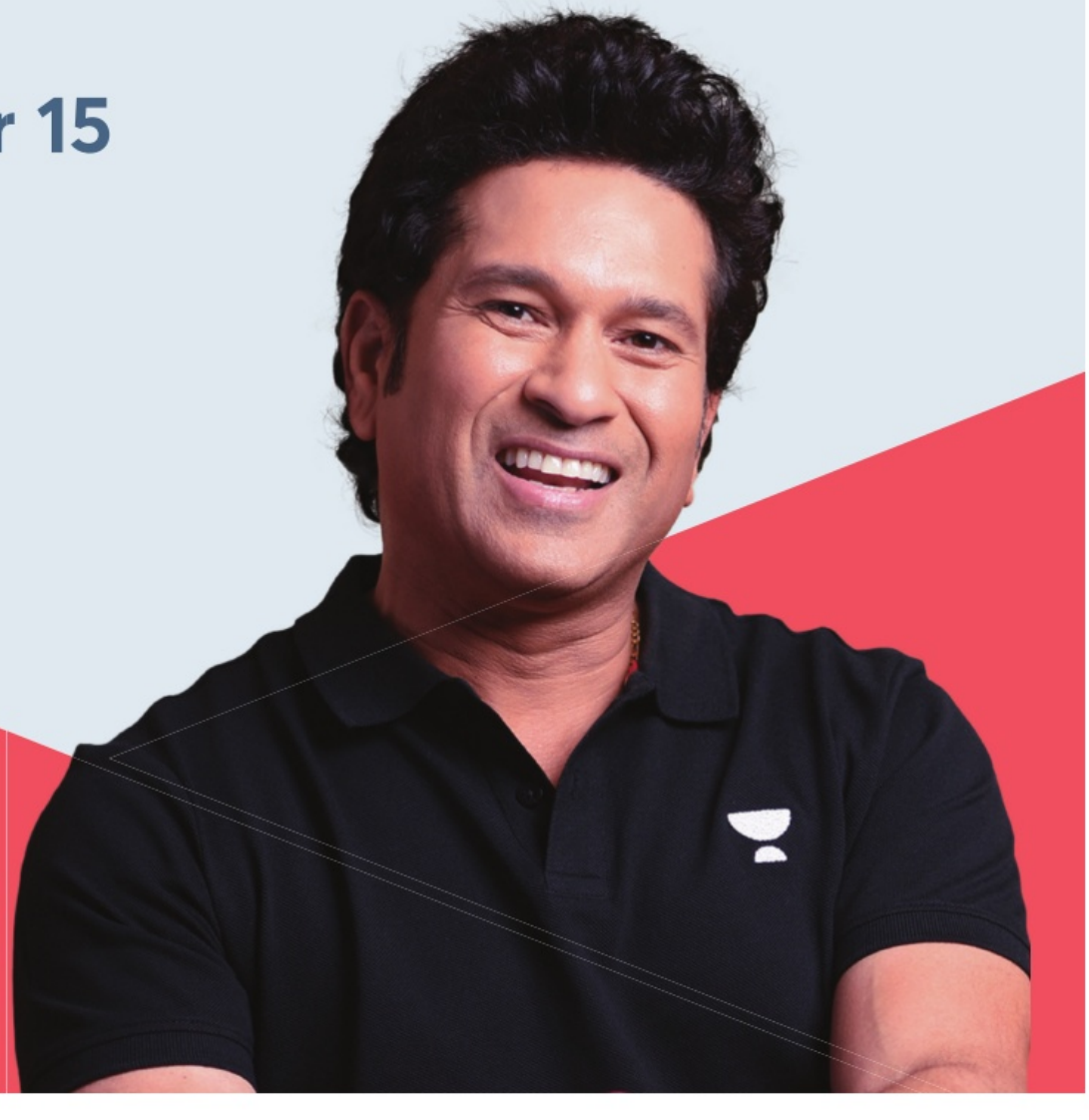

Good news for visitors of Gayathri Devi Park

BBMP takes up developmental work at estimated cost of Rs 1.50 crore

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Gayathri Devi Park at Prakash Nagar ward of Rajajinagar Assembly constituency in Bengaluru West has been hitting the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Earlier the proposal to construct a swimming pool was rejected, and then the lack of disabled-friendly facilities and water logging issues put the park in a bad light.

However, Gayathri Devi Park is set to have all the facilities in place on par with parks in the city. All these years, residents of Prakash Nagar, Gayathri Nagar and other nearby areas were unhappy with the park's poor condition with broken paths and water logging issues.

"The need of the hour is to preserve this lung space. There was a plan to construct a swimming pool inside the park but the opposition from the residents, especially those who visit the park, made the BBMP authorities and the ward corporator cancel the proposal," said Gayathri Devi Park Walkers' Association president J Srinivas, appreciating and thanking MLA Suresh Kumar for allocating funds for repairing the gymnasium in the park.

Visitors of the park have appreciated MLA Suresh Kumar for taking up the maintenance of Gayathri Devi Park.

"We have no other issues but we desperately need an open-air gym. Most pieces of equipment are either broken or unfit for use. It will be a great help for fitness-conscious people if the rusted equipment is replaced with new equipment," said Janaki Narendra, a Gayathri Nagar resident. Residents of Prakash Nagar also wanted the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Horticulture Department to find a solution to the mosquito menace.

The worn out equipment of the open-air gym will soon be replaced with new ones in Gayatri Devi Park

> **We have no other issues but we desperately need an open-air gym. Most pieces of the equipment are either broken or unfit for use** – Janaki Narendra, resident

"We are not able to walk in the park in the evening due to mosquitoes. The BBMP authorities should maintain public toilets on the eastern side of the park properly. The toilets have no water taps," said Basavaraj Hudedagaddi, a resident.

Due to the lack of a pedestrian crossing senior citizens face difficulty crossing the road to reach the park.

HS Krishna, a senior citizen from Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, said, "There is a zebra crossing but motorists never bother to halt vehicles to facilitate pedestrians crossing the road."

Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer Gangadhar said the Palike has taken up the developmental works at Gayathri Devi Park at an estimated cost of Rs 1.50 crore.

"I have already requested higher authorities and MLA Suresh Kumar for allocating funds to replace the old equipment at the open-air gym," said the executive engineer.

Rajajinagar MLA Suresh Kumar told Bangalore Mirror said that he would take measures to replace the old equipment with new ones. "I am aware of the issue. I will ensure replacement of the old and rusted equipment with new ones at the open-air gym," said Kumar.

'Do you call this repaired?'

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Commuters and residents are unhappy with the repair work done on the service road near Kundalahalli Gate after it was damaged due to a broken Cauvery water pipeline.

They say that it is a temporary fix and the road was not tarred. While a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) official told Bangalore Mirror that the road has been fixed, commuters say that the road is not good enough to commute.

Residents say that the officials should come up with a permanent solution to the issue. Rishabh Rai, a commuter, said, "The most shocking thing is that the road was just laid down almost a month ago and the BBMP officials have still not learned from their mistakes. They are not taking our problems seriously either. They will only get serious after some lives are lost because of their negligence."

Service road near Kundalahalli Gate has been poorly repaired by the authorities

Two-wheelers are most vulnerable to accidents as they skid easily.

Ashish J, another commuter, said, "The road has only been covered with small stones. This is just a temporary solution and even that is not safe at all because it is quite risky for the two-wheelers as they have chances of skidding on the small rocks."

Many commuters complain that the poor condition of the road hampers the smooth flow of traffic.

Rakesh Kumar, another frequent commuter, said, "They have just made it usable for us, but it is not fixed. If there are heavy rains, this temporary solution will just get washed away. This is not how the work should be done. It is a busy junction and proper solution should be given to allow smooth traffic flow for the residents."

The commuters say that unless the road is tarred, problems would keep reappearing. Sumith Ranjan, another commuter, said, "The authorities should not just leave the road like this. They should tar it to make sure that similar problems would not occur again."

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The commuters fear that the road will remain in the same condition as they see no solution in sight. Paavas Nayak, another commuter, said, "This will go down on the records of the officials as completed and the issue will be closed there itself and no further action will be taken to address the issues of the commuters. This is unacceptable. We all know that the road will again face some problems in the coming months."

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No honking at Cubbon Park

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This notification will also inculcate the habit of 'no honking' among motorists. We have requested the authorities to put up the boards at all the entrances and other suitable spots along the roads inside the park so that they can be seen by drivers. We hope the park can become a model for the entire city to make people aware of the many ill effects of vehicular noise pollution," said Rajkumar Dugar, founder, C4C, an NGO that had petitioned a few months ago before the horticulture department to notify the park as 'no honking zone'.

Officials said the idea is to discourage motorists from extensive use of vehicle horns to reduce noise pollution inside the park.

"The park has a couple of important government offices whereby important proceedings take place; mindless honking by motorists disturbs these proceedings. Moreover, hundreds of people come to the park seeking a peaceful environment; the park is home to many birds and animals. Vehicular noise pollution hurts all of them," added Balakrishna.

The sign boards will be put up by Bengaluru Smart City Ltd. However, there is no clarity on the penalty to be imposed in case the rule is flouted. "While we will try to get approval for imposing a penalty on the motorists who break the rule, currently there is no clarity on this aspect," said a senior traffic police official from Cubbon Park traffic police station.

Welcome move

Walkers at the park said it is a welcome and much-needed move. "It will be a peaceful oasis in the middle of the city. In the last ten years or so, traffic has increased considerably inside the park. Currently, walking in the park is akin to walking on the road. If it is notified as a silent zone, it will be a blessing for the walkers and others who come to seek peace," Surabhi Tomar, a walker.

Experts noted the decision will also help birds that reside inside the park. Reportedly, there are as many as 106 bird species in Cubbon Park; around 42% of these are likely affected by vehicular noise pollution. The loud noises from honking make it harder for birds to call out to others of the species. Experts told BM that the high noise level affects their ability to attract mates during the breeding season.

"Birds in the area have been avoiding stretches with vehicular traffic. Males call out to establish territory and attract females during the breeding season. However, vehicular noise pollution has been making the aforesaid difficult for the birds. They either fail to attract females or end up singing louder, using up a lot more energy," said a city-based ornithologist.

Auto-drivers protest against ban on services by ride-hailing platforms

Auto-rickshaw drivers here staged a demonstration outside a regional transport office (RTO) on Monday against the ban on their services that was imposed by ride-hailing platforms - Ola, Uber and Rapido.

The Karnataka Transport Department issued a notice on Thursday asking the aggregators to immediately stop operating "illegal auto-rickshaw services."

It said the drivers were fleecing the public and were given three days' time to furnish any details they have to continue operating their auto-rickshaws.

According to officials of the department, the aggregators failed to provide any details and did not make any plea.

The department on Monday launched its drive against the aggregator-linked auto-rickshaw services. They penalised a few drivers associated with the ride-hailing companies.

At the demonstration, a large number of drivers parked their vehicles and raised slogans.

Dept launches drive against aggregator-linked auto services. After they penalised a few drivers and seized vehicles, auto drivers staged a protest at Jayanagar RTO

Meanwhile, the aggregators continued to show auto-rickshaw services on their mobile applications. They declined to comment on the government notice.

The Transport Department officials, too, remained tight-lipped on why these companies were showing auto-rickshaw services on their applications and not paying heed to the government order. **PTI**

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BBMP's drains under strain

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wall. "I am shocked to see the concrete wall that was constructed hardly a week ago getting washed away. If the quality and standard of the protruding steel rods is anything to go by, it may not be a tough task for the general public to gauge the substandard work done by the contractor under the supervision of the BBMP engineer," said Venkatesh HS, a resident of HSR Layout.

Ramakant Nargund, another resident of the area, condemned the BBMP for the collapse of the shoulder drain wall. He alleged that rampant corruption and contractor-BBMP engineer nexus are the main reasons for the poor quality of infra developmental works.

"The BBMP is spending crores of rupees for the development of roads and drains but what is the use if quality is not ensured?'' asked Nargund.

A retaining wall of the stormwater drain and the adjacent footpath collapsed in HSR Layout last month due to the heavy rain. "We cannot blame the BBMP for the collapse of an old retaining wall of the stormwater drain. What to say if the concrete wall of a shoulder drain collapses within a week of construction?'' wondered a resident on the condition of anonymity.

BV Lalithamba of Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) expressed disappointment over the lack of quality in developmental works. "The BBMP engineer and the respective contractor are responsible to explain to the public what has led to the collapse of the concrete wall of the drain that was constructed a week ago,'' Lalithamba said.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant engineer Ramesh Dev G said the concrete wall of the shoulder drain collapsed when a heavy vehicle passed through the adjacent road. "The shoulder drain work is not completed. It is under progress. The collapsed concrete wall of the shoulder drain will be reconstructed,'' the assistant engineer told BM.

October drenched

Many roads were flooded again as heavy rainfall pounded parts of the city on Monday. Vittal Mallya Road, one of the poshest roads in the city, had knee-deep water after rainfall in the evening exposing the poor drainage facilities of this high-tech road. IMD has said that the south west monsoon was active over interior and coastal Karnataka

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Punishment for breaking traffic rule... Wait for it

If there are technical glitches in UPI while paying penalty, traffic cops making sure that offender can go only after it is sorted out

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If you are caught violating traffic rules, then you are not only at the risk of being caught, but be prepared for an endless wait to get out of the situation. Many vehicle users are complaining that they are facing failed or delayed Unified payment interface (UPI) while trying to pay the penalty for traffic offences. Worse still, the traffic offenders allege that they are forced to wait for a long time till the money gets credited in the police's account.

Shivakumar R, a businessman, said, "I was caught for riding without a helmet near my home. As I had no cash, I decided to pay via scanned UPI code. However, there was a technical glitch and the payment was not processed. After a while, I received a message that a certain amount has been debited from my account. However, the cops didn't receive the message of payment. So, I was made to wait for longer. The cops didn't let me go till I had to pay once again."

However, cops have a different story to tell. A police official said, "After covid, there is a demand to go for contactless payment. So, many are preferring to pay via cards or UPI. But, we have had cases where the offenders try to cheat us by showing a fake message that the amount has been debited from their account. How can we let them go unless we get confirmation of the payment?"

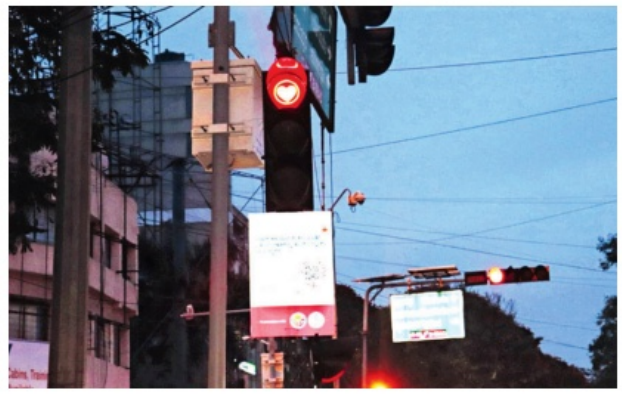
The payments are done via personal digital assistant (PDA) devices issued to the police officers. These PDAs are connected to the Traffic Management Centre's server that is linked to a bank account. Police say that once the payment is done, the amount is directly deposited in the account. However, technical glitches are troubling motorists caught on the road.

There are suggestions that instead of catching offenders, cops can note down the vehicle registration number and issue a challan later or seize the vehicle and release it once the penalty is paid. On other occasions, when the cops catch any traffic offender, they check the vehicle's penalty history and try to collect all the dues before letting the vehicle user go ahead.

For the camera

Meanwhile, senior traffic police officials said that they were getting automatic cameras fixed at 50 junctions. So, all those traffic violations like not wearing a helmet, usage of mobile phone and signal jumping will be recorded on camera and action will be taken. These cameras would also capture photos of the vehicles. As per the rules, both the rider and pillion have to wear full helmets.

All hearts at the signal



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A lot of commuters were taken by surprise at traffic signals of MG Road, Cubbon Road, Jayanagar, Kundalahalli and Sarjapur Road when the signal turned red and the heart symbol appeared.

Traffic police told BM that the sign can be used to help people understand that their lives are important, while it is also an initiative by a Bengaluru hospital to access emergency services by a single click through a scanning QR code installed at the traffic signals.

Over 20 locations in Bengaluru have heart-shaped signals. The locations where the heart shaped signals are put up are Manipal Old Airport, Trinity Circle, Brigade Road, Anil Kumble LIC, MG Road Main, Cubbon Park,

Indian Express, Mehkri Circle, Hebbal under the flyover, Sahakar Nagar, Sankey Road, Yeshwantpur Main, Whitefield Big Bazaar, Hope Farm, Kundalahalli, Sarjapur, Sony World Koramangala, Jayanagar and Lalbagh West Gate Townhall.

The initiative was carried out by Manipal Hospitals along with Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The codes installed can help the affected person connect to the emergency number, and with a single click, the person will be directed to ambulance service.

A senior official from the Cubbon Park Traffic Police said, "The heart shaped traffic signal is put up to signify that every life is important. One should not ride or drive fast and jump signals. People should be cautious and follow traffic rules. This apart, it also indicates that their loved ones are waiting back home and one should follow all the safety measures. "

According to the Manipal Hospitals, the initiative will be spread to more parts of Bengaluru. Another QR code has also been installed to navigate people through the correct steps involved in CPR. The code explains the steps to be followed to help revive the affected person.

While the initiative came into effect on World Heart Day, not many are aware of it. "While I was passing by the MG Road signal, I saw the red light taking the shape of a heart. I couldn't really think of any reason," said Shaikh Omar, Project Manager at a private firm in Residency road.

> **"People should be cautious and follow traffic rules. This apart, it also indicates that their loved ones are waiting back home**

While a few people who observed the QR code made use of the emergency services. Over 20 people had reached out to the ambulances since the installation and 35 for CPR. The numbers are said to be climbing constantly.

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To score well, learn about K'taka first

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The Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) has introduced a Karnataka Darshana chapter for non-Kannadiga students pursuing their BSc. These students, who don't know how to speak, read or write Kannada, also need to study about Bengaluru as well.

VTU added that students have to pass this exam and cannot take it lightly.

As per the VTU guidelines, the weightage of continuous internal evaluation (CIE) was 50 per cent and for semester end exam (SEE) was 50 per cent. Hence, the students had to obtain a minimum of 40 per cent marks individually both in CIE and 35 per cent in SEE to pass.

VTU registrar Prof AS Deshpande said, "This is essential for students so that we can create awareness about Kannada and Karnataka. This is to enable learners to know about Karnataka's general information at different periods and also to enable the students to know about the art and culture in different perspectives."

According to Deshpande, the students will be introduced to the role of Karnataka in nation-building along with historical and geographical information.

"The students will learn about important places, forts and sculptures, dance forms, music instruments, socio religious reform movements, UNESCO world heritage sites, social institutions of Karnataka, about Bengaluru, list of important places, general road map and guidelines of Karnataka tourism," he said in a circular issued recently.

According to VTU, this will help students be aware of Karnataka and its art and culture in various perspectives

A VTU lecturer said, "We have started teaching this course in traditional formats, powerpoint presentations and creating real-time stations in classroom discussions. As many students from outside the state gain admission here, it is necessary for them to learn about our culture."

A few city engineering colleges have gone a step ahead by introducing basic Kannada courses which will help the students to understand or converse for their daily chores.

A college principal said, "Knowing the local language will be very handy. A student may be going in a cab or auto or has gone to a local market to purchase. Knowing the basics will help them in daily life."

No entrance test for repeaters

VTU said that the research scholars who were admitted in 2018 and are yet to complete their course work need to apply for re-registration. "However, the research scholars are exempted from the entrance test. Instead, they need to re-register by October 17 this year and pay the fee. Candidates who have not passed coursework earlier must pass the remaining courses within two consecutive attempts before getting eligibility. The minimum lock-in period for re-registration is four years and maximum is 4.5 years from the date of re-registration," said an official.

Time is almost over but not uncertainty

... for engineering aspirants who are confused about giving up seats in government colleges due to KCET delays

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As delays continue in the KCET admission process, engineering aspirants are now anxious about having to give up coveted seats in government colleges.

The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) had announced that the verification slip and fee structure for KCET admissions will be made available on its official website on October 10 somewhere after 11 am.

Earlier, the fee structure was scheduled to be released on October 7 and the process of option entry was to be started by October 8, however, it was delayed. Even now, the students have not received any clarity about when the process will be started.

Akash A, one such student, got a seat in an engineering college in Dharwad through the first round of the counseling process of COMED-K. However, he is anxious that because of the constant delay in the KCET process, he will have to lose a chance in government colleges.

"There is still no update on the KEA website. We are expecting that the fee structure will be released by tomorrow or the day after. But the problem is that by the time KEA starts Round 1 of counseling COMED-K will finish all three rounds. We are being forced to take seats in COMED-K colleges, paying more fees. It is a confusing situation for students like me who got 20k+ rank in KCET and has to balance between both KCET and COMED-K in order to get good colleges," he said.

As per the guidelines, the students can surrender COMED-K seats before the 3rd round of counseling starts in order to get a refund. Once the final list is published, they have to go to the allotted college or else they would need to pay five times the fee as penalty which could be as much as Rs 10 lakh, he explained.

COMED-K authorities had earlier assured the students that as long as they forfeit the seat within the surrender period, the full tuition fee will be refunded except for a registration fee of Rs 2,000. However, now with constant delays in the KCET admission process, some students fear having to lose government seats.

"If a candidate whose name is on the final list, fails to join/report and continue the study in the allotted college, he/she will forfeit the entire tuition fee including other fees paid at COMED-K level since the candidate has deprived an opportunity of getting allotted a seat to next best/merited candidate thereby blocking a seat and the candidate is also liable to pay a penalty of five times of the fee," reads the official guideline on COMED-K website.

> **"Once the final list is published, they have to go to the allotted college or else, pay five times the fee as penalty, which could be as much as Rs 10 lakh**
> –Akash S, a student

Various student organisations and activists have appealed to KEA and COMED-K authorities to sync their counseling processes or to make sure that the students are not penalised for forfeiting their seats in the future.

As per reports, KEA Executive Director, Ramya S, had earlier assured that they will make sure that the COMED-K final round does not start before the KCET counseling.

The result of COMED-K first round of counseling was released on October 8 and the students can confirm the seat through fee payment by 3 pm on Tuesday.

"There was some technical glitch on our website today but the process will continue as usual," S Kumar, executive secretary of COMED-K told Bangalore Mirror.

The surrender period for the first round is till October 13; however, the students can also surrender during the round 2 surrender period.

Drug peddler held

A 44-year-old Nigerian national was arrested on the charges of drug supply in Bengaluru. Banaswadi police said that the accused, King S, had entered Bengaluru in 2018 under tourist visa. Since then, he had been involved in drug supply. Police have also recovered drugs worth Rs 5.6 lakh and a mobile phone from the accused. **BMB**

Flash protest in BU

Flash protests were taken up by students after a postgraduate student was grievously injured at Jnana Bharati campus, Bangalore University, on Monday.

The MSc student was injured when she slipped while boarding a bus. She was rushed to a private hospital for treatment. To escape the crowd's fury, the driver and conductor fled the scene. Angered by this, students closed the gates and resorted to protest and raised slogans against BMTC. **BMB**

HC extends stay order for PSI exam

The High Court on Monday extended the stay on the government order for fresh exams to recruit 545 police sub-inspectors (PSI).

The stay was extended till October 19.

After the recruitment scam broke out earlier this year, the government on April 29 annulled the exams and announced it would conduct re-exams.

Some candidates who were selected approached the Karnataka Administrative Tribunal (KAT) against this. The KAT had, however, dismissed their plea. The candidates then approached the High Court against the KAT order stating that candidates who had passed without using dishonest means should not be penalised for the scam involving some.

On September 28, the High Court had directed the government not to announce fresh exams. This interim order was extended on Monday. More than 30 people including some candidates, police officers including the turn ADGP (recruitment) Amrit Paul have been arrested in connection with the scam. **PTI**

HEALTH TIP: Fibre and protein-rich pistachio nuts keep your blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol in check

The antibacterial and antiseptic abilities of honey can benefit oily and acne-prone skin

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The sad generation

Only 45% of Gen Zs report good mental health with least optimism as opposed to 56% of millennials

Awareness about mental health has grown exponentially over the last two decades. And the open-mindedness of the millennials and Generation Z has played a vital role in it.

However, how do these two demographics hold up concerning mental health, especially as we emerge from the covid-19 pandemic?

According to a global survey, millennials and Gen Zs have shown a more significant surge in stress, anxiety and depression levels than older generations since the pandemic, with the increase even more drastic in women than in men. Struggles with health, education, relationships, finances and job security have led to or compounded mental health issues significantly.

Studies show that while 56% of millennials reported good mental health, Gen Z fared much worse with only 45%. This is in stark contrast to the fact that youth have historically boasted the most optimistic mindset.

Gen Z has been called the 'most depressed generation' with the least positive outlook and diminished emotional and social well-being. They have more unmet social needs than any other generation. The statistics for their behavioural-health issues – mental and substance disorders – are alarming. And they are two or three times more likely to contemplate or attempt suicide. The suicide rate amongst Indian youth is the highest in the world.

This calls for the exigent need to prioritize mental health at home, in educational institutions, in the workplace and communities. The ability to identify red flags and initiate interventions must be encouraged. Anyone suffering from mental health issues must find unconditional support in seeking help. And there has to be a universal call to action for an all-out war against the stigmas attached to mental health.

Since 50% of mental health disorders have their onset by the age of 14, we must actively promote a mental health curriculum in schools and colleges, integrated into the educational curriculum, to sensitize children to mental health issues from a very early age. This can contribute appreciably to their long-term mental well-being.

Even though millennials have been called the 'therapy generation', Gen Z are the most likely generation to seek professional help. Worryingly, many of them find the mental health services that they receive less than satisfactory. They also tend to rely heavily on social media and digital tools for help. This can sometimes be an issue as plenty of misinformation is floating around online.

The importance of the internet cannot be ignored in the modern age. However, the social contact has reduced significantly as digitally-dependency has increased. Gen Z spends the maximum time online and this affects their social needs negatively. Ironically, studies indicate that the time spent online has a more positive impact on the family interaction of millennials than it has on Gen Z.

It is essential therefore for mental-health digital tools to evolve with more user-friendly designs and generation-centric approaches. How a specialised app can help with women-oriented issues or how adaptable one is for an adolescent's concerns is critical.

Despite mental health coming into focus during the pandemic, stigma in the workplace continues to endure. Reports indicate that more than 50% of millennials and Gen Zs are reluctant to talk about their mental health concerns with their employers and give a false reason when taking time off to deal with their issues. Moreover, 75% of Gen Zs and 50% of millennials who left their jobs voluntarily, did so for mental health reasons.

Mental health in the workplace has to take priority. Just as one takes leave for physical ailments, mental health leaves must become the norm. Leaders can set examples and talk openly about their mental health issues to promote a stigma-free work culture. Adjusting to the hybrid work model, burnout, performance anxiety and discrimination are rampant issues that must be addressed to ensure the mental well-being of employees.

In conclusion, the mental health infrastructure in India needs sweeping reforms. This is where all stakeholders – the government, the medical fraternity, NGOs, private organizations, communities and individuals need to pitch in to make a difference. As mental health issues evolve and intensify, our approach and efforts to overcome them in all generations must become equally potent.

—Dr Neerja Birla, Mental health activist, Founder and Chairperson Mpower, an initiative by Aditya Birla Education Trust

MIRRORLIGHTS

Cerebellum also important in memory formation and storage: Study

The cerebellum too, in addition to the cerebrum, in the brain has an important role to play in remembering emotional experiences, a Swiss study says.

The cerebellum of the human brain is already known to be associated with the regulation of movement. However, researchers at the University of Basel, Switzerland, have found it plays an important role in memory formation and storage.

The researchers showed 1,418 participants emotional and neutral images and recorded their brain activity.

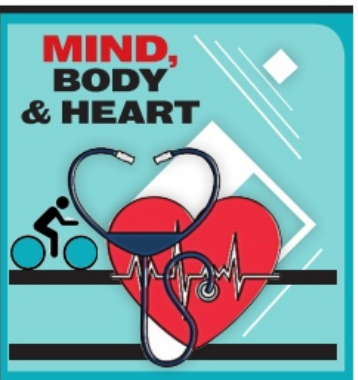
The storage of emotional images was linked with an increase in brain activity in the areas of the cerebrum that are already known to play a part. However, the team also identified increased activity in the cerebellum.

The cerebellum receives information from the cingulate gyrus – a region of the brain that is important in the perception and evaluation of feelings.

Furthermore, it sends out signals to various regions of the brain, including the amygdala and hippocampus.

"These results indicate that the cerebellum is an integral component of a network that is responsible for the improved storage of emotional information," said the study lead Dominique de Quervain.

Although an improved memory of emotional events is crucial, it does have its downsides: in extreme negative experience cases, it can lead to recurring anxiety. This means that the findings may also be relevant in understanding psychiatric conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, he said in a statement. —PTI



All you need to know about...

Ulnar wrist pain

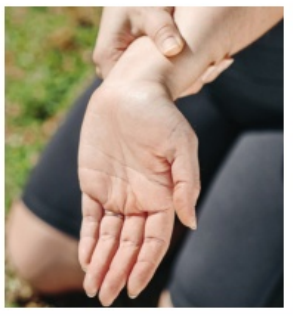
What is it?
The ulnar side of the wrist is the opposite side from the thumb. Pain in this area is quite common and can feel worse when you make a twisting movement or try to grip something. If not related to a specific accident such as a fall, pain can be difficult to diagnose.

What are the symptoms?
Pain on the ulnar side of the wrist and sometimes a popping or clicking noise when you move it. Your grip becomes weak, painful and movement of the wrist is difficult – especially rotating the forearm and movement of the wrist towards the little finger side (ulnar deviation).

What causes it?
The commonest cause is arthritis with the inflammation, swelling and stiffness characteristic of rheumatoid arthritis. Second would be fractures, a broken wrist or bones in the hand, followed by overuse, best exemplified by damaged tendons and ligaments due to repeated hand and arm motions, or injuries such as repetitive strain injury. Wear and tear of cartilage and ligaments can appear in old age and ganglion cysts can form. Falls on to an outstretched hand – forcing the hand back – can injure the wrist ligaments, causing pain.

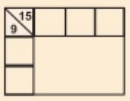
What's the treatment?
Taking NSAIDS will ease pain. So will changing your hand's position for repetitive strain injury. Physiotherapy will help, as well and splints to rest the wrists, particularly at night. Surgery may be needed to repair tendon or ligament tears and fix fractures.

—Dr Miriam Stoppard, Daily Mirror

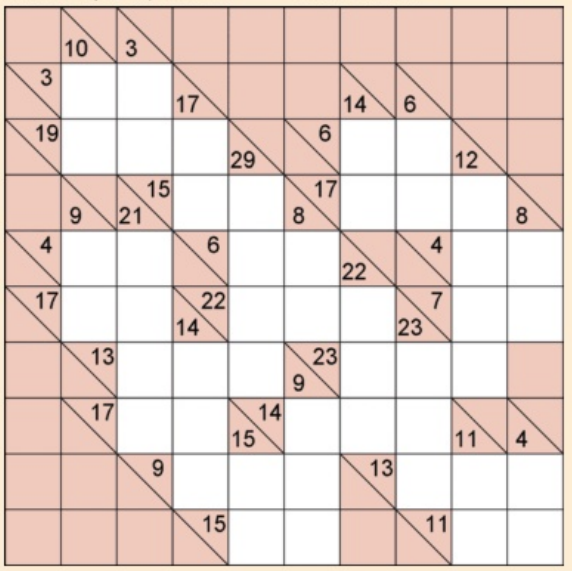


Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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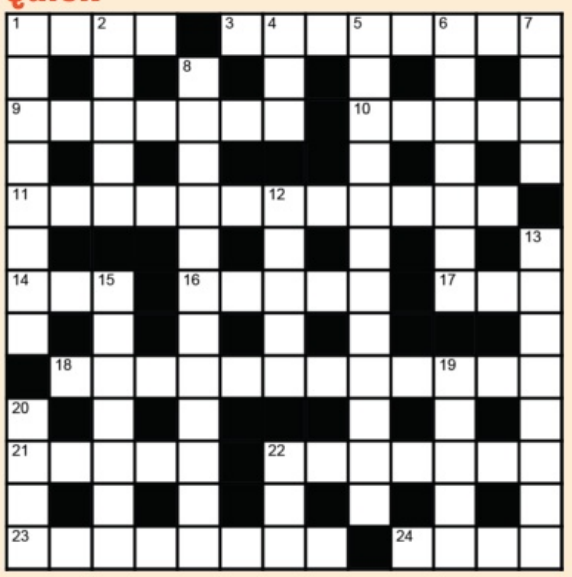


ACROSS

1 Short note (4)
3 Making available (8)
9 Resentment, indignation (7)
10 Delicious (5)
11 Pleaded in protest (12)
14 Drag (3)
16 Lout, hooligan (slang) (5)
17 Tap gently (3)
18 Industrial and Technological Museum on Kasturba Road (12)
21 Discolouration (5)
22 Infest (7)
23 Hams it up (8)
24 Dine anagram for Ms. Blyton? (4)

DOWN

1 Soften (8)
2 Lady's title (5)
4 Cooling device (3)
5 Examined unknown values (12)
6 In place of (7)
7 Chaps (4)
8 White House avenue (12)
12 Pipes for toothpaste? (5)
13 Got or procured (8)
15 Facial contortion (7)
19 Pinafore (5)
20 Solo anagram for a capital city in Europe (4)
22 Choose (3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS H

PV CPU CHVGFKVG COFP SG GFHVAMFPVAG USH AVHZVG XAN GPXHBVAG USH GJOKK. USH XAFXMUAOGF OG USH PVKBVH.

Linemaro

Do you like anyone else in here? Well, I guess you're stuck with me

Mindchow

Love yourself first and then everything else falls into line

Joke of the day

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it back in your pocket

Loop

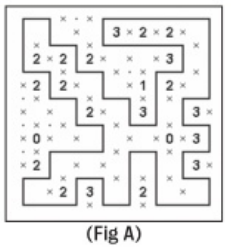
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

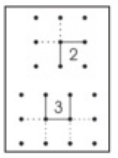
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

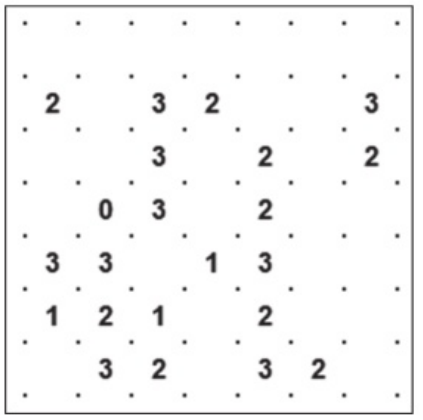
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



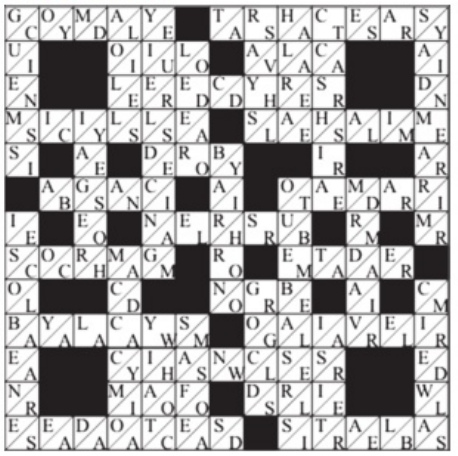
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



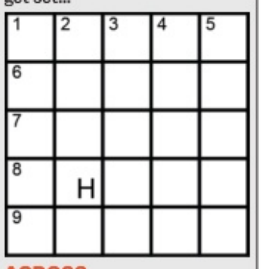
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

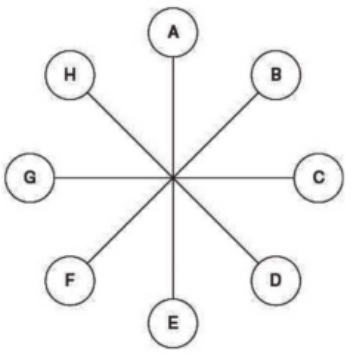
1 Sir BC; 6 Siren; 7 Oasis; 8 N Huck; 9 Gees I

DOWN

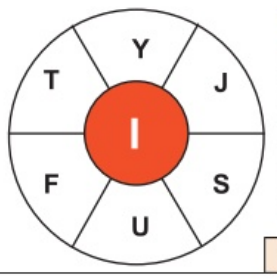
1 Or CCs; 2 Irish; 3 Is use; 4 Begin; 5 Skean

Mensapuzzle

What letter is directly opposite the letter two places anticlockwise away from the letter directly opposite the letter H?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8			1			3	
		4				8		
7	9		8		5		2	1
2		7				3		8
			1		7			
3		1				9		6
8	1		3		9		5	7
		9				2		
	3			2			6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

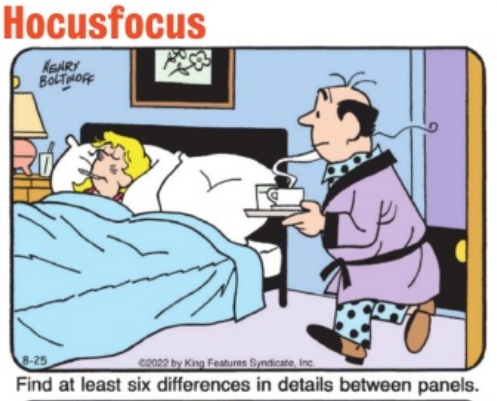
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 23
2 3 4 8

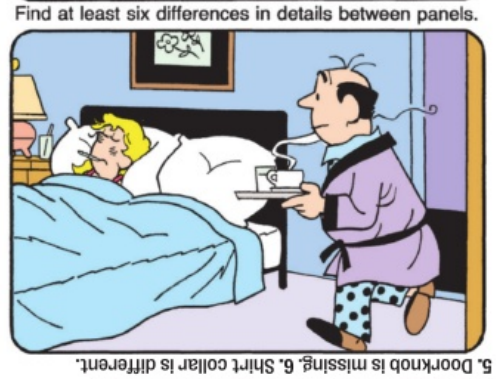
Medium = 3
4 4 6 9

Hard = 26
2 6 6 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



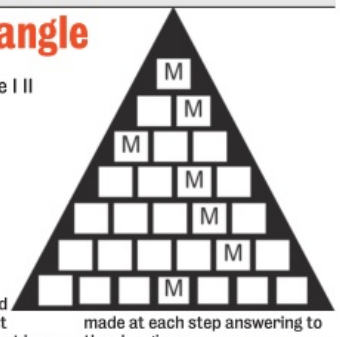
Differences: 1. Tray is longer. 2. Leg is longer. 3. Mattress is thicker. 4. Flowers are reversed. 5. Doorknob is missing. 6. Shirt collar is different.

Riddler

According to U.S. law, there are officially designated days that all U.S. flags are to be flown at half-mast (for example: Memorial Day). The President and state governors also have the right to declare certain days that flags are to be flown at half-mast. There is a particular group of U.S. flags that are never lowered to half-mast and appear to "violate" this U.S. Law. These flags were erected by U.S. Military personnel, but those troops will never be accused of doing anything wrong for those violations. These flags are currently displayed today, and they have been for numerous years. Where is this particular group of flags displayed?

Alpha triangle

1 Bond's boss
2 "I think, therefore I II
3 Mothers
4 Equal
5 Rays
6 Cleans a ship
7 Bedaub



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I'M GETTING A PAD FROM THE DISPENSER. DO YOU WANT ME TO COME IN?
NO!!
HOW DO I HELP YOU FROM OUT HERE?
DO YOU WANT ME TO DRAW A DIAGRAM AND SEND IT UNDER THE DOOR?
SIGH... NO, JUST COME IN.
SEE! JUST LIKE THAT, KAT.
... ACTUALLY, LET ME GOOGLE THIS REALLY QUICK.
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Crankshaft

NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, I'M GETTING A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT GETTING OUR OLD JOBS BACK!
CHANNEL 11
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
LET'S JUST TEXT THEM FROM THE CAR!
BATIUK & DAVIS crankshaftcomic.com/books
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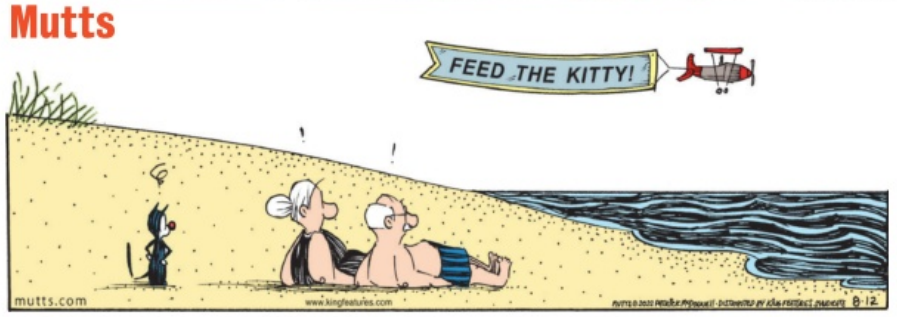
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may face health issues, which may make you impatient. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless stuff which may affect your savings. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics to avoid fights.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may meet some influential person who may help you in your work today. Your network will get stronger with the help of that person. You may prepare yourself to implement new ideas into your work or business. You will plan to invest more capital into your business which may result in financial gains in near future. In terms of domestic life, you will be busy with a family get-together.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, your mother's health will be good. Expect rewards for your hard work. Your peer group will respect you more now. Overworking may make you tired. You may not be able to attend some family events.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be satisfied with work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace. Your gurus may show you the right path, which may give you clarity about certain things.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel dull, it is advised to keep your mind cool. Think twice before you act. You may travel to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on an adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to get success.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some artefacts or creative stuff, which will improve your social status. You may also invest in properties and other assets. You are likely to enjoy romantic moments with your spouse. Singles may find a soul mate. Unmarried couples may take some important decisions regarding marriage.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel happy. Chronic health issues related to family members may be cured. Money which was stuck may be recovered now increasing liquidity in the business. People who are in a job may get some incentives which will improve their financial health. Job seekers may get jobs with the help of a relative or friend's reference.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you will be busy with your kids. You may hear some good news in terms of your kids' education. You may buy some creative stuff for your home or office to maintain your social status. You are advised to use wisdom while buying any household stuff or jewellery.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be impatient, which may reflect into your way of working. There may be some silly mistakes. Investments in fixed assets are advised to be postponed for some days. With the help of the elder's blessings, you may overcome a messy situation. By the evening, you may feel more focused on your work.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the moon, your destiny is likely to be with you. Today you may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success. Your subordinates may help you. You are likely to go for short work-related travel. You may plan to renovate your house or office where your creativity will be tested.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You may be able to control your expenditure on worth less things, which may increase your savings. You may be more creative today, you may use your creativity in your office or at home. Love birds may likely get some support from their family members and friends for marriage.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today messy situations will be under control. You may feel peace and be able to make a proper balance in expenditure and earnings. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking, as it may affect your health. Students can start planning for higher studies. Love birds will enjoy their happy moments.

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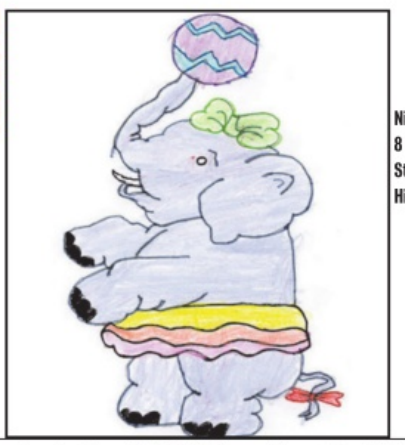

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QUOTE UNCODE
He who wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.

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RIDDLER
These flags are on the moon. The first of these U.S. flags were deployed to the moon on July 20, 1969 by NASA astronauts. There are a total of 6 US flags deployed to the moon (Apollo 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 & 17). We can only assume they are still standing and were not knocked down when the lunar modules' engines fired.

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
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6 – 2 × 6 + 2 = 26

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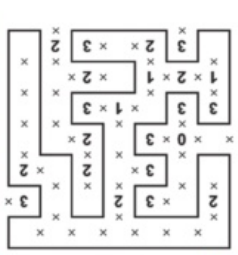

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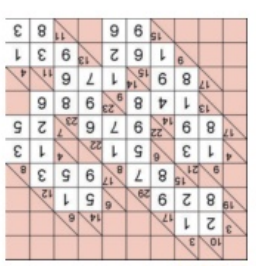

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Glitz, gala & thoughts of those no more

Name of Puneeth Rajkumar was on lips of all award winners

Powerstar' Puneeth Rajkumar may not be with us physically but he still continues to be in our heart-this was the message by film fraternity across borders during the 67th Parle Filmfare Awards South 2022 with Kamar Film Factory held at Bengaluru on Sunday evening. Puneeth Rajkumar was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award (posthumously).

Recalling Puneeth, Jani played the last conversation between him and Puneeth from his mobile phone. As soon as the audience heard Puneeth's voice, there was a huge roar of appreciation. Later Jani said, "This is a special award because I got a chance to work with Puneeth. He is a pure and clean soul." Dhanya Ramkumar, who won FilmFare Award for Best Debut (Female) for her movie Ninna Sanihakke said, "Today, I dedicate this award to my granny, grandpa and Appu mama. I don't think Appu is not here as he continues to rule in our hearts."

Actor-Director Ramesh Arvind who was compering the show (with actor Diganth) recalled how he had spent the day of Puneeth's death at music director Guru Kiran's home. Devi Sri Prasad who won his 10th Filmfare award (this time for the Best Music Album from Pushpa, the rise) said, "I dedicate this award to Appu as he was a true music lover. Whenever we met, we discussed music."

Twin celebrations

Telugu actor Allu Arjun (who won the Best Actor in a leading role-Male for Pushpa, the Rise) said, "Today is a memorable day for me as I am sharing this function with my father. This is the best day for Allu family. I had to wait so long to get an award with my father." Earlier, producer Allu Arvind received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Redefining heroism

Actor-Producer Jyothika Suriya said that it was time to bend the rules of heroism. "For many, hero is the one who can dance well, sing and has dialogue delivery. But, I want to appreciate director TJ Gnanavel who bent the rules in Jai Bhim (this movie won the FilmFare award for Best Film in Tamil). Initially, everyone was apprehensive as how will they accept Suriya in this character but he presented a popular hero by bending all rules of heroism."

Remembrance

Meghana Raj Sarja who received a special award for Chiranjeevi Sarja said, "It was dream of Chiru to get a FilmFare award. He was nominated many times but could not get it. Today, it is a proud moment for me. I feel that this award is not just for his movies but for his personality." Jayanth Kaikini who won the award for Best Lyrics (for Teladu Mugile from Act 1978) said, "Music transcends all barriers. For me, this award is special as it is not written about love. Instead, the song is all about workers who chose to remain anonymous."

Watch the event

Parle was the title partner of the event and Meta the global digital partner. The show will air on Zee Kannada (3 pm to 6 pm) and Zee Tamil (3.30pm to 6.30pm) on Oct 16; on Zee Keralam (3 pm to 6 pm) and Zee Telugu (3pm to 6pm) on Oct 23. The event will stream on Filmfare's Facebook page on October 16 (3 pm and 6 pm).

—Sridhar Vivan *(For more nuggets from the event log on to www.bangaloremirror.com)*

> As no one gave me a chance, I chose to write, act and even direct. I thank the audience for giving me a chance to do experimental movies.
> — Raj B Shetty (Best Director for Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana)

> This is my hat-trick award after winning best actor (critics) and actor in a supporting role previously. This is a special movie as it was directed by a courier boy-turned director.
> — Dhananjay (Best Actor in a leading role for Badava Rascal)

> Today, everyone is talking about Kannada movies. Literally, Kannada movies are making waves everywhere.
> — Nani (Best Actor (Critics) from Shyam Singha Roy)

Some big winners in Kannada

BEST FILM- Act 1978
BEST DIRECTOR- Raj B Shetty (Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana)
BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE (MALE)-Dhananjaya (Badava Rascal)
BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE (FEMALE)-Yagna Shetty (Act 1978)
BEST ACTOR IN SUPPORTING ROLE (MALE)-B Suresha (Act 1978)
BEST ACTOR IN SUPPORTING ROLE (FEMALE)-Umashree (Rathnan Prapancha)
For list of all winners, please log on to www.bangaloremirror.com

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